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Press reports as yet unconfirmed indicate that Rubin Villatoro, President of UNTL, Horacio de Cordova, anti-Communist radio broadcaster, Jose Maria Guzman, editor anti-Communist news sheet and Gabriel Fernandez, local manufacturer and amateur pilot (EMBTELs 246 January 25 and 247 January 26) were put across Mexican border by Guatemalan authorities without money or documents. Market women and anti-Communist Workers Committee, long ardent supporters of De Cordova, demonstrated yesterday on his behalf and signed petition to Minister of Interior demanding his immediate release. Authorities continued to deny knowledge of whereabouts of persons detained.

Meanwhile, members of Association of Private Radio Station Directors and employees of Radio Continental reportedly telegraphed President Arbenz requesting immediate release of Roberto Vizcainorubio, Director of Radio Continental.

Beltranena Valladares and Miguel Camacho left today under safe conduct for El Salvador (EMBTEL 252 January 26).

It appears that anti-Communist organizations aided by independent press are seeking to arouse public indignation against administration but without much success to date. No arrests reported since Monday except for detention Tuesday of Jose Maria Ticas, radio technician, at Aurora Military Base.

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